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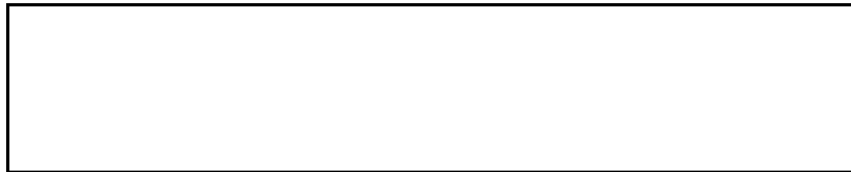
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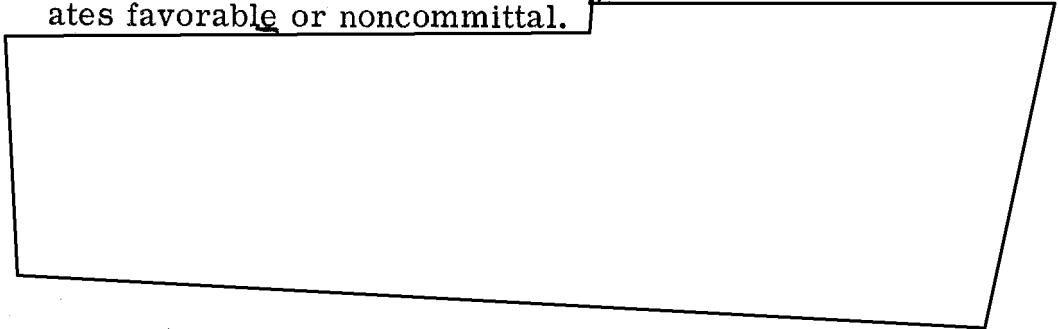
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Congo (Leopoldville): President Mobutu and Premier Mulamba apparently intend to keep the new cabinet ministers under tight control.

Mobutu and Mulamba are trying to ensure that cabinet officers devote most of their time to administrative matters rather than to politics. The cabinet as a whole is fairly competent by Congolese standards, but few of the ministers are major political figures in their own right. [Mulamba is also reported planning to give each minister a military "aide" to keep tabs on his activities.]

The country remains calm. Unhappiness over the coup apparently is still restricted mainly to politicians in Leopoldville, but none of these appears to be thinking of going into active opposition.

Foreign reaction has continued along generally predictable lines, with the Communist states and the radical Africans critical of the coup and the moderates favorable or noncommittal.



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Belgium-Congo: Brussels is under pressure from Belgian officials in the Congo to provide immediate and extensive assistance to the Mobutu government.

[In response to Foreign Minister Spaak's request that Belgian officials refrain from any action which might suggest that Brussels was "sponsoring" the Mobutu regime, Belgian Ambassador de Kerchove in Leopoldville told Brussels that Mobutu was the last chance in the Congo and must be supported in every way. De Kerchove argues that if the many Congolese who look to massive Belgian support are disillusioned, "no one can then foresee what will happen."]]

As an initial step, Belgium may step up its military aid. The top-ranking Belgian military official in the Congo told the chief of the US military mission that he plans to recommend an increase from 300 to 1,000 in the number of Belgian military assistance personnel assigned to the Congo. He also wants a cadre of 30 to 50 Belgians with each army battalion.

Mobutu has taken the position that there should be full and open cooperation between the Congo and Belgium. He has already surrounded himself with a number of Belgian advisers.

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Dominican Republic: Joaquin Balaguer's Reformist Party (PR) has launched a strong bid to win the elections scheduled for late next spring.

[According to the US Embassy in Santo Domingo,] the only activities Balaguer^{reported by} considers prohibited by the "political truce" now in effect are mass outdoor rallies and partisan attacks on the provisional government and other political figures or organizations. Under this interpretation, Balaguer staged his first rally last weekend in an arena in Santiago, drawing some 15,000 people. The rally was preceded by weeks of organizational preparations and will be followed up by visits throughout the country by Balaguer and other PR leaders.

Balaguer has successfully portrayed himself as the foremost moderator and conciliator among Dominican political leaders. He is basing his campaign on the need for social reform. He apparently hopes to wean away young moderates from Bosch's Dominican Revolutionary Party (PRD), and may try to enlist the support of some nonextremist adherents of the largely pro-Castro 14th of June Movement. According to the embassy, he has had some success in winning followers from the right-of-center Liberal Evolutionist Party and National Civic Union.

Balaguer has attacked the provisional government for permitting the PRD to infiltrate governmental machinery. The Reform Party is also concerned over the success of the PRD and extreme leftists in gaining control of labor unions, particularly in the sugar industry. The embassy believes that if these power bases continue weighted against Balaguer, they might offset his gains in the countryside.

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Dahomey: The installation of Tahirou Congacou as acting president appears to be a holding operation until the contending personalities decide on their next moves. Congacou is a relatively obscure but competent official who has close ties with pre-1963 president Maga. As president of the National Assembly since 1964, Congacou is the constitutional successor to the ousted president and vice-president. Army Chief of Staff Soglo, who helped force the resignations of Apithy and Ahomadegbe, has not yet indicated what further moves the army may undertake.

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*Ecuador: Politically ambitious air force junta member Colonel Freile has been ousted in a power struggle within the armed forces high command. The crisis was provoked by a clash of wills between Freile and his heretofore docile air force commander over key assignments which threatened Freile's power base --the air force combat units. The other junta members remain in power and Freile's fate is obscure, but his overwhelming desire for the presidency makes it unlikely that he will pass quietly from the scene.

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NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE

The United States Intelligence Board, on 26 November 1965, approved the following national intelligence estimates:

NIE 1-65, "The Future of the United Nations"

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